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PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. This is a sort of a housekeeping resolution that's necessary for the Legislature to give somebody the power to negotiate for the purchase of land. The--it's been sent to the Governor's office, to Gus Liske's office and it always ends up back at the Legislature so therefore we adopted this resolution. We ask your indulgence and your support for Lancaster County Commissioners to purchase some land that is owned by the State for the Lancaster County Detention Home. That simply is all this resolution does and if we have to suspend the rules and adopt it, I would be more than pleased to ask for that.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm in sympathy with the motion and will support it. Now what it does and I think you want to understand, this will give the Executive Board, if the majority of them so desire, to enter into a contract either for a lease or a purchase or a combination of both without referring it back to this body for any further action. Now part of the reason for this I presume is that we might adjourn sine die and we probably won't. The other thing, the County Board of Lancaster County is up against a deadline which is factual, is proven and if they have to do something by I think it's the first of June or they're going to lose a considerable amount of Federal funds which is for this and other purposes. Now what they want to do is to build a detention home for juveniles which in Lancaster County as I understand from conversation, is almost non-existent. Now to be specific, I can't tell you the exact amount of land because I don't recall the description and it wouldn't mean anything to you anyway, but it's been approved, it's been surveyed by a person who the Executive Council retained for that purpose which we paid \$250. He brought back a recommendation that it's worth \$35,000 which the committee thought and I think was certainly not as high as it should have been so the County Board came there and upon the motion of a number of Senators and after a discussion, we arrived at a general point of view that we would offer, subject to your confirmation, which in this case we'd not now have to have if you pass this motion, that the land ought to be worth about \$75,000 and that they (inaudible) fee, or if we could have got somewhere in the general proximity of \$7500 a year rent, now that's what we're talking about and they are going to perform a good service, they're going to do some of the things that probably the State ought to be doing and insofar as I am concerned personally, I would have no objection to giving it to them but then I'm sure that that would not meet with the approval of a majority of this member and I'm only guessing at that and probably to save us from any criticism, we ought to get a reasonable amount and I would think that probably we'd get somewhere in the area of \$75,000, now that's in the area which could be adjusted down to a nominal extent where we get in the same general application, rent some around \$7500 a year. Now this is what the motion says. You give the Executive Council--with this explanation--with those limitations, we can do what a majority of the Council wants to do. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I support the resolution. The only thing I would caution the Executive Board that I personally have, have no good feelings about a rental contract. I think that it should be a sale of the land. The major problem is that Lancaster County is going